

HUNDREDS URGE JERSEY TO OUST MUNITION PERIL

Terrified Families Quit
Villages Shaken by Two
Explosions

KINGSLAND FIGHTS REBUILDING PLAN

Blast Laid to Neglect—No
du Pont Plot Found—
Legislature to Act

A feeling of apprehension was mani-
fested yesterday in the New Jersey towns
within the zone of damage done by
the explosions of munition plants at
Kingsland and Haskell.

In some of the villages, where homes
were shaken by shock or rent with mis-
siles from the demolished shell plants
families have fled, and a strong senti-
ment against the rebuilding of the
demolished factories has arisen.

Hundreds of appeals will be forward-
ed to Trenton asking the Governor to
use his influence to rid the state of
powder plants and munition shops ad-
jacent to municipalities and urging
that legislative means be taken to en-
force more vigilance in the handling
and manufacture of powerful explo-
sives.

Governor Edge said last night that
he contemplated taking no action
against the munition plant owners, as
it was not within his jurisdiction.
"Whatever steps may be taken in this
matter," he declared, "must be done by
the authorities of the towns affected.
It is purely a local affair."

Mayor Arthur Clay and the board of
commissioners of Union Township, held
a meeting yesterday to consider the
question of permitting the rebuilding
of the demolished munition plant of
the Canadian Car and Foundry Com-
pany at Kingsland.

Little Sympathy for Owners

The Mayor expressed little sympathy
for the plant owners, and informed
the commissioners that the company
had had no interest in the township
for more than a year. Likewise, the
people of the town, he said, were in no
way interested in the company.

"Not more than fifty of our people
live in this plant," he said, "and about
90 per cent of the labor is made up of
negroes who live in New York City."

The residences so badly wrecked by
the exploding shells are not those of
employees of this plant, as many sup-
posed, and it would have looked better
if the company had first endeavored to
make these homes habitable, instead of
putting their guards at gun point pre-
venting curious people gathering up shells
as souvenirs.

"All these months our people have
lived in terror of what finally occurred,
and they want no more of it."

"We have instructed our counsel to
prepare papers for an injunction if the
company determines to rebuild."

"Our commissioners have noted that
the munition company are bent on be-
lieving their loss was due to an in-
cendiary," Dominick Las Cala, who
worked in the cleaning room, where the
fire started, has told us that a spark
from the machine in which shells are
cleaned, the spark fell on an oil
soaked table. The workman slapped the
flame with an oil soaked rag and threw
water, which scattered the flames
over a greater area.

Company Called Negligent

"The company was negligent in not
having sand handy for just such an
emergency. Moreover, the fire equip-
ment in the plant was useless, because
the water was frozen."

"Prosecutor Harkin's detectives have
had Las Cala's name, and they will guard
him as an important witness. The
plant was not destroyed by a firebug,
and the company can get no sympathy
for attempting to claim such things."

An official of the Canadian Car and
Foundry Company said yesterday that
all persons in adjacent towns who had
suffered property loss would be paid
without haggling and that efforts
would be made for prompt reimburse-
ments. This was taken by the people
of Kingsland as the forerunner of an
announcement of reconstruction of the
plant, a project which will be opposed,
it is said, by 80 per cent of the resi-
dents.

A movement to oust munition plants
to safe distances from towns and vil-
lages was started yesterday by the
people of Bloomfield, N. J.

Opinion in Passaic County was di-
vided on taking action against the du
Pont plant at Haskell. Michael Dunn,
the county prosecutor, who has charge
of the investigation, scouted the sug-
gestion that efforts be made to close
the plant. He said he was unable to
find any evidence thus far to show that
the plant was destroyed by plotters.

It is believed that the works will be
handicapped by a scarcity of labor for
many months, as several hundred em-
ployees have already quit work.

A. Harry Moore, member of the Jer-
sey City Commission, said yesterday
that the time had come for the people
of New Jersey to protect themselves
from the menace of munition plants.

A. Dayton Oliphant, Republican lead-
er in the Assembly, said last night at
Trenton that little could be done with
the munition situation until the Legis-
lature reconvenes on Tuesday. "I ex-
pect numerous bills will be presented
providing for the regulation of munition
factories," he said. "When the ques-
tion has been thoroughly consid-
ered, I have no doubt but that some
specific and adequate law will be
passed regulating the manufacture of
explosives within the state."

\$2,000,000 Property Loss in du Pont Explosion

More than \$2,000,000 in property was
wiped out Friday night by the great
flame of powder flame from the du Pont
Company's plant at Haskell, N. J. A
million and a half of this was the di-
rect loss of the munitions concern.
The German Artistic Weaving Com-
pany's plant, a half-mile away from
the explosion, lost \$100,000 more. The
remainder was borne by householders,
chiefly in Pompton Lakes.

The company still insists that only
two persons died in the blast—the
worst of the many which this factory
has suffered since the beginning of the
war. Workmen hold that the death list
should contain the names of several
more. The number that were really
killed out by the crash may never be
determined, for many of the employes
fled in the panic after the explosion
and have not returned. Six men were
picked up in Paterson yesterday as
suspected characters. The scene
around the nine miles from Haskell,
where they had been employed, and
told the magistrate before whom they
were arraigned that their one desire
was to get still further away from the
scene of the explosion.

Harry Walsh and Francisco Bincenci,
both of Haskell, are the known dead,
but not even their bodies have been
found. Scraps of what had once been
human beings were picked up yester-
day at a quarter of a mile away from where
the blast occurred. Eight employes of
the du Pont concern were injured by
the blast, none seriously.

The Town Council of Pompton Bor-
ough, which includes most of the vil-
lages scattered about the du Pont plant,
met last night to draft resolutions ask-
ing the Passaic County Prosecutor,
Michael Dunn, to make a thorough in-
vestigation of the causes of the ex-
plosion. Mr. Dunn went over the scene
of the accident yesterday and said
after his inspection that in his opinion
it was the result of an inexplicable ac-
cident.

U. S. Russia and County
Start Kingsland Inquiries

Four distinct bodies are now in-
vestigating the Canadian Car and Foundry
Company explosion at Kingsland,
N. J., to determine its cause. This
action has been brought about by the
declaration of officers of the company
that the blast was of "possibly,"
who said that the blast was "possibly,"
of incendiary origin.

In addition to the inquiry started
by the concern itself, Thomas J.
Huckin, prosecutor for Bergen County,
the Anglo-Russian Commission and
representatives of the United States
Department of Justice are all trying
to fix the responsibility for the fire
which wiped out the company's plant
and sprayed Kingsland for eight hours
with bursting shells.

The company paid off its men yester-
day for an injunction if the
company determines to rebuild. All but two of its employes
were in line to receive their en-
velopes. One of the missing was Michael
Weinski, of Arlington, who was killed
by an Eric train on the night of the
blast. The other is Herman
Bicire, who is lying near death in St.
Mary's Hospital, Passaic. He was
struck in the back by a fragment of
shell.

Most of Kingsland's residents have
returned to their riddled houses and
are busy repairing them. The foundry
company also started repairs yester-
day, to the extent of patching up the
high board fence around its property.
The employes were told that in a few
days they could find employment in
clearing up the blackened patch where
the factory once stood.

SIGHTSEERS TURN IN SHELLS

Hand Over to Police Cartridges Found
Near Kingsland Plant

More than a hundred sightseers head-
ed a warning issued by the Newark Bu-
reau of Combustibles and turned in to
the police there yesterday shells which
they had picked up near the wrecked
Kingsland plant of the Canadian Car
and Foundry Company.

The warning pointed out the danger
of keeping such touchy souvenirs
around the house.

Blast Heroine Gets \$25

The National Special Aid Society sent
\$25 yesterday to Tessie McNamara, the
telephone operator in the Canadian Car
and Foundry Company plant at Kings-
land, N. J., with a letter which was in
part as follows: "It is a great pleasure
to our society to send you the enclosed
check as a slight token of our apprecia-
tion of the splendid work you did in
remaining at your post until you had
warned the other employes of their
danger."

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THAW ACCUSED BY MORE BOYS

Youth Writes to Swann
About Beating Suffered
After Drinking

STRANGER MADE OFFER OF WORK

Victim Says He Was En-
ticed by Man He Now
Recognizes as Thaw

Two boys besides Frederick Gump,
jr., have told District Attorney Swann
of encounters with a man who said he
was Harry Thaw and offered to get
work for them. One of them wrote
that he had been whipped, and the
other said that the intervention of his
parents had saved him from replying to
the offer. District Attorney Swann
has promised both that their names
will be shielded if they come to his of-
fice and tell their stories in full.

A letter from a New England town
brought the story of a boy who said
that he was sitting in the Grand Cen-
tral Terminal last summer when a man
whom he now recognizes as Harry
Thaw from pictures in newspapers, ap-
proached him.

"Young man, are you working?" the
stranger asked him.

Boy Takes Offer of Work

The boy wrote that he was surprised
at the question, but answered in the
negative; whereupon his interrogator
asked him if he wanted to make some
money.

"I told him yes, I did," the letter con-
tinues, "as I was a stranger in the city.
He then went up to an apartment,
where cocktails were served."

The next morning, he continued, he
awoke bruised and sore from a lashing
he had received.

The second boy is about seventeen
years old, and told District Attorney
Swann that he was a runner on the
track team of a college in New York.

He said that Thaw met him in a hotel
lobby and remarked at once:
"You are a nice boy; I like your
looks."

Thaw told him, the boy said, that he
could find work for him in Pittsburgh
at \$5 a day. In pursuance of this offer,
he continued, he got a letter from Thaw
from Pittsburgh enclosing a stamped
and addressed envelope for a reply.
The boy's parents refused to let him
use the envelope.

Early Trial Is Predicted

Assistant District Attorney Black re-
turned yesterday from Philadelphia,
having placed in the hands of the Penn-
sylvania authorities extradition papers
in the case of Oliver Brower.

"I understand that Thaw will be com-
pletely recovered in ten days," he said,
"and we are going to try him just as
soon as he can be moved with the con-
sent of his physicians. He is under-
arrest on our warrant, and when he
get ready to bring him here he is going
to come."

Thaw's Lawyers Prepare
to Contest His Extradition

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]
Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—The fight to
keep Harry Thaw out of New York
is on.

To-day Henry J. Scott, who has been
retained to head the local counsel for
the family, served notice on Governor
Brimmough that Thaw's removal to
New York to face charges of kidnapp-
ing and assault preferred by Freder-
ick Gump, jr., would be disputed. Mr.
Scott asked the Governor not to grant
extradition papers until Thaw's law-
yers had a hearing.

While Mr. Scott would not commit
himself on the points which may be
raised against the removal of Thaw
from the state, it is understood that
the question will enter as to whether the
all-ged kidnapping occurred in Cali-
fornia or in New York. Thaw's coun-
sel may contend that the offence
charged was not committed in the
state where the indictments were re-
turned.

One of the first things that sug-
gested itself to Mr. Scott was what
appeared to be the easy expedient of
having a lunacy commission pass upon
Thaw's sanity. If thus adjudicated in-
competent for criminal acts, Thaw
would be sequestered in a sanatorium,
out of the reach of the New York law-
yers.

But to-day Scott learned Lesson No.
1 for attorneys defending Harry Thaw.
A big obstacle presented itself to the
lunacy plan, the obstacle being Harry
K. Thaw himself.

Thaw has a standing rule that he
must always be consulted as to all
legal measures considered in his be-
half. It was impressed upon Scott
that it would be useless to go ahead
before a preface can be made at con-

sulting Thaw. Therefore decisive steps
may not be announced until after a
bedside conference is held between
the patient in St. Mary's Hospital and
his attorneys.

Dr. Ellwood R. Kirby, who has the
surgical end of Thaw's case in charge,
says he is still "irrational" and can-
not discuss legal measures for ten
days.

It is understood that Thaw's aged
mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, is
coming to Philadelphia Tuesday or
Wednesday.

HURLS ALLIES' MAIL INTO SEA

U-Boat Forces Swedish Ship to Drop
700 Sacks

London, Jan. 14.—A Reuter dispatch
from Stockholm says:
"The captain of the Swedish steam-
er Ingeborg, belonging to the Thule
Line, who has returned to Gothenburg
from England, states that his steamer
was stopped in the North Sea by a
German submarine and that he was
compelled to throw into the sea all
the mail from the Entente countries,
consisting of 700 sacks. Otherwise,
he said, the German commander
threatened to take the ship to Ger-
many."

VAORANT SHELL CRASHES
INTO PATERSON STREET

Falls Near Policeman, Who Scorches
Fingers Investigating

When Patrolman William Fitzpatrick
was standing at Spruce and Market
Streets, Paterson, N. J., yesterday a
shell landed near him. It was of the
3-inch variety.

Mechanically, for he was too amazed
even to be scared, Fitzpatrick tried to
pick it up. Then he yelled, for the
shell was hot. It is now at Police
Headquarters, whither the policeman
took it after it cooled down.

It is believed the cartridge was ex-
ploded when several boys started a fire
around a 3-inch shell on the outskirts
of the city yesterday.

BLAST SHOCK KILLS WOMAN

Ill from Pneumonia When du Pont Mill
Blows Up

The shock of the explosions in the
du Pont plant at Haskell, N. J., on Fri-
day night caused the death of Mrs.
Peter I. Gould, sixty-three years old,
who was ill with pneumonia in her
home, between Haskell and Blooming-
dale.

SPURNED, HE KILLS GIRL, THEN SHOOTS A WATCHMAN

Slayer Snaps Pistol at Patrolman, who
Drops Him

New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 13.—"Will
you marry me?" demanded John Cole-
sar to-night as he entered the home of
Margaret Meleche, of 8½ Condit
Street. It was an old question, and
the young woman had always returned
the same answer.

"I'll never marry you," she said.
Coleasar drew a revolver and fired,
killing the girl.

He walked to his boarding house at
170 Hamilton Street and told the land-
lady that Margaret would never marry
any one else, for he had just killed
her. Then he went out, firing a shot
in the air as he passed through the
yard. He started across the Pennsyl-
vania Railroad bridge, and was called
back by the watchman, George Don-

nally. Coleasar put two bullets through
his lungs and went on.

Patrolman Dennis Burns, who was
sent in pursuit, came upon him stand-
ing beneath a street light on Eastern
Avenue loading his revolver. Coleasar
ordered the patrolman to halt, snap-
ping his revolver shut as he spoke.
Burns dropped him with a bullet in the
chest. He is not expected to recover.

Lawyer Sues Thaw for \$30,000

Papers were filed in White Plains
yesterday in a \$30,000 suit brought
by Walter L. Rathbone, an attorney,
against Harry Thaw. Thaw filed a pe-
tition for its transfer to the United
States District Court for the Southern
District on the ground "that he is a
citizen of Pennsylvania and resides in
Pittsburgh."

Mr. Rathbone's suit is
for payment for legal services in
Thaw's fight to obtain his release from
Mateswan. Thaw says that the amount
in question is \$5,000.

SCHWAB HAS PEACE "TIP" STEEL PLANS INDICATE

Work Held Up on \$50,000,000 Plant
Improvements

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Baltimore, Jan. 13.—Charles M.
Schwab, is believed here to have direct
information that an early peace or
armistice in Europe is probable. For
this occasion a big change in the plans
for the immediate development of the
\$50,000,000 improvement programme of
the Peni-Mary Steel Company, at Spar-
rows Point, has been outlined by those
controlling the Bethlehem Steel Com-
pany. It was learned that there would
be delay in practically 25 per cent of
the original programme.

It is understood that the company
feels that in the event of early peace
the works must turn over solely to in-
dustrial purposes, with a consequent
policy of retrenchment.



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